

downsizing of the military and the review and revision of the Pentagon's budget and procurement procedures.

It was a time for the reshaping of a military that for a half-century had been designed to fight global war, and would now be remodeled for world peace, keeping missions and for international humanitarian expeditions.

Mr. President, the accolades and eulogies now being delivered in honor of Les Aspin, are well deserved and well earned. The United States is indeed indebted to Congressman and Secretary Aspin for his years of public service, for his legislative achievements, and for his tremendous contributions to the defense of our great and free country.

But I will always remember him as my good and decent friend down the hall, with that huge hairy dog, who was never too busy to stop and share a laugh with you.

Mr. President, my wife Linda and I extend to the family of Les Aspin our most heartfelt condolences. We share their grief and their loss.

I yield the floor and I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

TRIBUTE TO JIM KETCHUM

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, 25 years ago, we created the Office of Curator of the U.S. Senate. And since that time, that job has been filled by just one man—Jim Ketchum.

Jim has now announced his retirement, and it is entirely fitting that a resolution we adopted earlier this week designated him as curator emeritus of the Senate.

After working in the Office of the White House Curator for many years, Jim came to the Senate in 1970, when he accepted an invitation to organize the Office of Senate Curator.

For the past quarter century, Jim has devoted his career to preserving the works of art in the Senate and the history and traditions of this institution.

Jim was the driving force behind the restoration of the old Senate and old Supreme Court Chambers, the President's room, and countless other important Senate treasures.

Painting and documents have been recovered and preserved due to Jim's tireless efforts. He has helped us all better understand this institution and the Capitol through exhibitions, lectures, publications, and other educational programs.

I know Jim is especially proud of the exhibit, "a necessary fence * * * : The Senate's first century," which opened in the summer of 1989 in celebration of the Senate's bicentennial.

Jim has also made an important contribution to protecting the dignity of this institution by helping to develop legislation prohibiting abuse of the Senate seal.

Finally, one cannot mention Jim without remembering his efforts on behalf of the State of the Union dinners. I am just one of many Senators who has enjoyed one of Jim's trademark chicken pies.

Mr. President, for all that he has done for this institution, Jim has truly earned the designation as "curator emeritus."

I know all Senators will join me in thanking Jim for his extraordinary efforts in preserving the history and traditions of this institution, and in extending our best wishes to him, as he and his wife, Barbara, head to their farmhouse in Pennsylvania.

TRIBUTE TO GERALD HACKETT

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, earlier this week, the Senate adopted a resolution expressing our appreciation for the outstanding service of Gerald Hackett, our Senate executive clerk, who will retire from the Senate effective June 30, 1995.

I now want to add my personal thanks for his many 33 years of dedication to the Senate—nearly 29 of those as Senate executive clerk.

As Members know, the executive clerk assists the Senate with its constitutional duty to consider nominations and treaties under its advise and consent authority. The office's many responsibilities include managing original documents, maintaining records, transmitting copies of Presidential messages, compiling the executive calendar, and preparing all resolutions of confirmation for nominations and resolutions of ratification for treaties.

Gerry has dedicated his Senate service not only to these duties, but also to improving the operation of the executive clerk's office.

He was instrumental in the computerization of the treaty and nomination processes. Moreover, under his direction, publishing the executive journal is now done on-line, with a substantial savings of tax dollars.

I know all Senators agree with me in saying that Gerry has always acted with the best interests of the Senate in mind, and in wishing him and his wife, Mary Ellen, best wishes for a long, healthy, and happy retirement.

TRIBUTE TO FRED BROOMFIELD

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, earlier this week, the Senate adopted a resolution paying tribute to Fred Broomfield, a member of the Department of Office Services in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate, who will retire July 15, 1995.

Fred has worked in the Office of the Secretary for over 19 years. Among his numerous responsibilities is to deliver

to our offices the many many important documents necessary for the legislative process.

In fulfilling those duties, Fred has ably carried out a tradition that dates back to the very beginning of the Senate. Just 2 days after the first Senate convened in 1789, the Members elected their first Secretary and chose their first messenger. And if I am not mistaken, the first message was delivered to Senator THURMOND.

Fred is well known in the Secretary's office as a loyal, reliable, and hard working civil servant. He will be missed by all of us.

I know all Senators will join with me in thanking Fred, his wife Hilda, and his five children for his dedicated and distinguished service, and in extending our best wishes for a long and healthy retirement.

THANKING RUSSELL KING

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, in my role as Senate majority leader, I also serve as a member of the Joint Leadership Commission for our program for America's young people, the Congressional Award.

As such, it is my responsibility, from time to time, to appoint individuals to serve on the Congressional Award Foundation's board of directors, which works with us to implement the program nationwide.

Several years ago, when we were reorganizing the volunteer board, I asked Russell King, a senior vice president of Freeport-McMoran, if he would be willing to serve, and to make this program a truly national opportunity. He agreed, and has since become the foundation's treasurer, and two-term chairman, where he has presided over the exciting growth of the program.

As Russ ends his tenure as chairman, I extend the appreciation of the Senate to him for his tireless devotion to the Congressional Award, and for his commitment to America's youth. We are fortunate that he will remain on the board, and will continue to work with us as this outstanding program grows throughout the country.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. STEVENS). The Senator from Maine

MARGARET CHASE SMITH

Mr. COHEN. Mr. President, recently Senator Margaret Chase Smith suffered a severe stroke and is now in critical condition at her home in Maine. I just want to take a few moments to express my deep regret over this recent turn of events and to spend a few moments talking about Senator Margaret Chase Smith.

I think as the Senator from Alaska knows, and virtually all the Members of this Chamber know, Senator Smith served with distinction in the Senate from 1949 to 1973 in the seat I now occupy. Directly before that she served four terms in the U.S. House of Representatives.